

FISCAL UPDATE Article

Fiscal Services Division
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END OF SESSION — SF 274 — COMPUTER SCIENCE

Description: Senate File 274 requires the Department of Education (DE) to establish computer science standards for elementary, middle, and high school grades. The Bill requires the Board of Educational Examiners to establish an endorsement in computer science for teachers and creates a Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund, from which school districts and teachers may receive funds as reimbursement for various forms of professional development relating to computer science. The Bill also creates a computer science work group to identify and recommend computer science-related guidelines and potential policies for schools. The work group is required to submit a report to the Governor, the DE, and the General Assembly by November 1, 2017.

Fiscal Impact: The DE will provide for the costs associated with the computer science work group, including hosting meetings, providing a guideline writer, and doing data analysis, at an estimated cost to the Department of \$15,000 in FY 2018.

Enactment Date: The Bill was approved by the General Assembly on April 18, 2017.

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